# **Unusual & Special Events**

Merrimack County Conservation District Events - Merrimack County. Year round. Pond Clinic, Gravel Pit Reclamation & other events. Call 223-6023 for more information. info@merrimackccd.org, www.merrimackccd.org.

Frye's Measure Mill Gift Shop - 12 Frye Mill Rd., Wilton. Year round: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday, 12-5pm, January-March, call for winter hours. Shaker & Colonial boxmakers since 1858, seven room shop is filled with country furnishings, folk art, lighting, tin, iron, pewter, glass, pottery, antiques & collectibles. Mill tours of our water powered woodworking shop on Saturdays at 2pm, June-October. Admission \$4.75/person. 654-6581, fryesmill@tiac.net, www.fryesmeasuremill.com.

Whimsical People - Main St., Wilton. April 26, 10am-2pm. Decorate a whimsical person to be displayed downtown Wilton. 654-3020, wmsa@tellink.net, www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

Adventures in Agriculture - Mill Valley Farm, Stratham. June-August, summer day camp, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-1pm. Weeklong summer day camp, programs at organic vegetable farm. Children participate in all aspects of farm life, from tending crops to caring for animals, as well as exploring other aspects of agriculture. 659-7038, ktaadn\_me@hotmail.com.

The Fells/John Hay National Wildlife Refuge - Rt. 103A, Newbury. Gardens & trails open daily. Historic house tours weekends, May 24-October 13. Gardening classes, guided walks, concerts, art exhibits, tea. For details, admission information of the contraction mation & to register for events, 763-4789, fells@tds.net, www.thefells.org.

Artist's Weekend - June 28-29.
Twilight Cruise on Lake Sunapee - July 23, 4:30-6:30pm.
Benefit Auction - August 15, 5pm.
Christmas House Tour - December 13, 10am-4pm.

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Views - Plainfield Town Hall, Rt. 12A. July & August, Sundays, 1-5pm. Viewing and light show of the stage set designed in 1916 by the artist Maxfield Parrish. Exhibits & video of his life will be shown. Come to the gift shop. Admission \$1. 675-6866.

Antique Tractor Show - Waterest Campground, Rt. 175, Woodstock. July 19, 9am-3pm. Sponsored by American Independence Museum. Antique tractor show with rides & a parade. Talk with tractor owners, observe demonstrations & more! 745-8037/2586,

bradleys1@eagle1st.com, www.lincolnwoodstock.com.

3rd Annual "Seek the Peak" Hike-A-Thon - Mt. Washington. July 25-26. A benefit for the non profit Mount Washington Observatory. Participants are encouraged to get out & enjoy the outdoors for a great cause. Trails are recommended to suit each hiker's ability. Hikers obtain pledges from friends & family beforehand. Prizes are awarded at the post-party & awards banquet. 1-800-706-0432, ext. 507, info@mount-washington.org, www.mountwashington.org.

The Rocks Estate Events Society for the Protection of NH Forests - Bethlehem. SPNHF offers a series of family oriented educational programs and activities. 444-6228.

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Bretzfelder Memorial Park Summer Nature Series - August 6, 13, 20, 27.

Rocks Estate Heritage Day - September 6, 10am-3pm.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - November 22, 28, 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 10am-4pm.

NH Crafters Fair - November 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13, 14, 10am-4pm.

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2004, 10am-12pm.

NH Ag Day at Bonnie Brae Farms - 601 Daniel Webster Hwy., Plymouth. August 17, 10am-4pm. With over 300 Red Deer for breeding stock, venison & velvet antler, there will be guided walking tours of the farm & handling facility & samples of farm raised venison available all day. 536-3880, of farm raised venison available all day. 536-388 admin@bonniebraefarms.com, www.bonniebraefarms.com.

High Hopes Farm Entertainment Park - 582 Glebe Rd., Westmoreland. August 30-October 31, 10am-5pm, daily. Farm adventures, feed & pet animals, haunted barn, many rides, such as, super slide, giant swing, tricycle tracks, train, roller coaster. Food/snack bar, watch donuts & funnel cake

angora rabbits & goats, llamas, alpacas, to finished fiber prodrug hooking. Fun for all ages! Demonstrations & sales. Free admission, rain or shine. 588-6637, woolroomnh@pobox.com.

Maxfield Parrish Vintage Paint & Collectible Sale - Plainfield Town Hall, Rt. 12A. October 11-12, 10am-5pm. Sale of vintage prints & other merchandise by artist Maxfield Parrish. Stage set designed by Parrish in 1916 on display & lighted. 675-6866.

State of New Hampshire Corn Maze - Beech Hill Farm Stand State of New Hampshire Corn Maze - Beech Hill Farm Stand & Ice Cream Barn, 107 Beech Hill Rd., Hopkinton. August 1-October 31, 11am-dark. Take a walk across our five acre cornfield maze cut into the shape of the State of NH. Enjoy identifying native animal tracks & learning facts about our great state. Educators & parents will appreciate how our maze guide correlates with the NH history curriculum. Picnic area & facilities available in our maple grove. 223-0828, rmkimball@fcgnetworks.net, www.beechhillfarm.com.

Shaker Woods Farm Bed & Breakfast Open House - 30 Lower Smith Rd., Sanbornton. November 30, 11am-4pm; December 5, 2-6pm. Open house at a farm that features a bed & breakfast, homemade goats milk soap from LaMancha dairy goats, a large vegetable garden & a farm stand. Soap making & home vegetable garderi & a rarm stario. Soap making & nome use cheese classes are available on request. Nestled against the woods on a quiet road, you can take a walk in the pastures or relax on the inviting sun porch that looks out onto Lake Winnipesaukee at Point Comfort, the Canterbury Shaker's 1920s summer retreat. Free admission, rain or shine. 528-1990, info@shakerwoodsfarm.com, www.shakerwoodsfarm.com woodsfarm.com.

# Museums & Historic Sites; Farm & Special Events

Cultural Events for All Ages - Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Rd., Rye. Ongoing, 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday; 1-8pm, Tuesday & Thursday; 9am-3pm, Saturday. 964-8401, info@nharts.state.nh.us, www.nh.ultra-net.com/~ryepl.

Friends of the Rye Library Speaker Series - Ongoing. Check web site for current speaker.

Young at Heart Art - January-April 2003. Artwork from residents of Webster at Rye & the Portsmouth Adult Care Center

Masks of the Seacoast - April 19-June 30. Exhibit of masks by mask makers from the Seacoast area.

**Teenage Art** - July 8-September 30. Exhibition of artwork from teenagers throughout the Seacoast area.

The Wright Museum - 77 Center St., Wolfeboro. Open weekends in April: 10am-4pm, Saturday & 12-4pm, Sunday; May-November 30, 10am-4pm, daily, 12-4pm, Sunday. The museum showcases the enterprising spirit of Americans. Memorabilia pays tribute to all the men & women who served our country on the home & war fronts. 569-1212, di.simpson@wrightmuseum.org, www.wrmuseum.org

Strawbery Banke Museum - Marcy St., Portsmouth. Call 433-1100 for information or www.strawberybanke.org.
Historic Plants & Seeds Sale & Opening of Pocket Full of Posies Garden Shop - May 10, 9am-12pm.
Houses in Bloom at Strawbery Banke Museum - June

Victorian Garden Party & talk by Tovah Martin contributing editor of Victoria Magazine - August 9, 1-4:30pm. Strawbery Banke's Candlelit Stroll - December 6, 7, 13 &

Canterbury Shaker Village - 288 Shaker Rd. Call 783-9511 for information, admission. Open weekends beginning April 15. Open daily 10am-5pm, May 1-October 31. Lunch in the Creamery 11:30am-2:30pm or info@shakers.org, www.shak-

Meet the Artisans Who Carry on the Traditions - April 5-6, 10am-4pm.

Family Memory Day - May 24, 10am-4pm.
Herb & Garden Day - June 7, 10am-4pm.
Wood Days - June 28-29, 10am-4pm.
Antiques Weekend - 104 2 am 4 am Antiques weekend - July 11-13.

Lavender Day - July 13, 10am-4pm.

Mother Ann Day - August 3, 1-4pm.

Wool Day - September 20, 10am-4pm.

Harvest Day - October 4, 10am-4pm.

Shaker Classic Car Show - October 18, 10am-4pm.

'Tis A Gift Artisan Festival - November 21 & 22, 10am-

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Giff Artisan Festival - November 21 & 22, 10am-4pm.

Crafts Show & Balloon Fest - August 16-17. Educators' Colonial Seminar - August 18. Fanfare at the Fort! - August 30-31. Alli-In-Free - September 13-14. Fort at No. 4 Militia Muster - September 20-21. Snowshoes at the Fort - September 27-28. Harvest Home - September 27-28. Harvest Home - October 4-5. To Arms, Ye Men of New Hampshire! - October 11-12. Director's Tour of Quebec City - October 19-22. Pickpockets, Rogues & Highwaymen! - October 24-25.



Rogers Return! - October 25-26.

NH Farm Museum - Rt. 125, 1305 White Mountain Hwy.,
Milton. Call 652-7840, for hours & admission. www.farmmuseum.org

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Clean Up Day - May 3.
Oxen Plow Day - May 10.
Benefit Auction - May 31.
The Farm Landscape - June 7.
Strawberry Festival - June 21.
New Hampshire Dairy Day - June 28.
19th Century Arts & Crafts - July 5.
Children's Day - July 12.
Putting Foods By - July 19.
Raspberry Festival - July 26.
Old Time Farm Day - August 9.
Blueberry Brunch - August 16.
Bats, Owls & Feathered Friends - August 23.
Barnyard Animals - September 6.
Apple Festival - September 13.
Home Industries - September 20.
Children's Harvest Festival - September 27.
Benefit Auction - October 4.
Wild Animals, Friend or Foe? - October 11.
Soup Tasting Festival - October 18.

**Poore Family Homestead Historic Farm Museum** - Rt. 145, Stewartstown. Call 237-5500, for hours & admission. www.poorefamily.homestead.com,www.greatnorthwoods.org/poorefamilyhomestead.

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Pack a Picnic Basket & Stay a Spell - June, July, August & September, 11am-1pm, weekdays; 11am-5pm, weekends.

9th Annual Open Barn & Celebration - July 5-6.

Coffeehouse for the Birds - Prescott Farm Audubon Center, 888 White Oaks Rd., Laconia. June 20, 7-9pm. Annual fundraiser for the audubon group, featuring music & bird friendly coffee & treats. Door prizes. 366-5695, prescottfarm@cyberportal.com.

**Revolutionary War Festival** - Downtown Exeter. July 19, 10am-7pm. Celebration of American independence with reenactments, history programs, music, food & much more! 772-2622.

Chester Eastman Homestead - Rt. 113, North Chatham. Farm Museum, call 694-3388, sisseast@ncia.net, www.cehfarm.com for program details & admission.

Chore Time - By reservation, 3-5pm.

Hay/Sleigh Rides - By reservation.

Ice Harvest - January 24, 2004, 11am-3pm.

Maple Sunday - March 14, 2004, 12-4pm.

Forests, Trails & Woodsmen's Events

14th Annual Tree Farm Fig Howard Tree Farm, Matson Rd 9am-2pm. Dave & Ann Howa NH Tree Farmers for 2003! Ju through the forest, field & we award winning forest. See for strated, ask about different for meet with a variety of natural what you can do with your ow free, a barbeque lunch is avail tion required. 224-9699, EDar

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July 4th Celebration & Craft Society, 19 Grove St., Peterbor 4th festivities including conce beque, craft fair, featuring Nb 3235, director@peterboroughh

**12th Annual North Country** Pittsburg, Columbia, NH & (Antique & classic auto eventmoose watching, tours, horse booth, games for all ages! www.moosefestival.com.

Gould Hill Orchards & the Li 656 Gould Hill Rd., Contooc Wildlife & Agriculture Festival. on exhibits, demonstrations, tra ities, prizes, museum & orcha variety of environmental organ www.gouldhill.com.

Temple Harvest Festival September 21, 10am-4pm. cider pressing, lots of games, arts, crafts, exhibitors, a specia Temple," chicken barbeque at 2pm. Free admission, r sartell@monad.net.

Apple Fest 2003 - Main St., W Crafters, clowns, music, live a dors. 654-30: www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

Charmingfare Farm Pumpki September 27, 28, October 4, tion & admission fees. 483-56

Apple Harvest Day -Central / October 4, 9am-4pm. Wonder artists, handcrafters from all c children's games, activities, more! 742-2218, info@dovern

October Fall Fest - Rolling G Rd., Greenland. October week families each weekend in Octo pumpkin painting & face pair weather permitting. Gardenir putting your garden to be rgln@rcn.com, www.rollinggre

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Giant Pumpkin Weigh-c Goffstown. October 17-20, Fi 9pm; Sunday, 12-4pm. Bar weighed by the NH Giant Pum turned over to Main St. Pro Sunday the race is on! Gian Piscataquog River. Yard sale, refreshments & 1,000 mini pur 9933, goffstownmainst@fcgrmainst.org.

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#### Seasonal Festivals

**Strawberry Festival Open House** - Goffstown Historical Society Museum,18 Parker Station Rd., Goffstown. June 21, 1-4pm. Museum opens for the summer, regular & special exhibits on display. Strawberry shortcake featured. 497-4536.

July 4th Celebration & Craft Fair - Peterborough Historical Society, 19 Grove St., Peterborough. July 4, 10am-4pm. July 4th festivities including concert by the Temple Band, barbeque, craft fair, featuring NH crafts, foods & plants. 924-3235, director@peterboroughhistory.org.

12th Annual North Country Moose Festival - Colebrook, Pittsburg, Columbia, NH & Canaan, VT. August 22-24. Antique & classic auto events, raffle, hot air balloon rides, moose watching, tours, horse & buggy rides, crafts, dunk booth, games for all ages! 237-8939, nccoc@ncia.net, www.moosefestival.com.

Gould Hill Orchards & the Little Nature Museum - Rt. 103, 656 Gould Hill Rd., Contoocook. August 23-24, 12-5pm. Wildlife & Agriculture Festival. The festival will feature hands on exhibits, demonstrations, trail walks, talks, children's activities, prizes, museum & orchard tours, nature programs by a variety of environmental organizations & experts. 746-6121, www.gouldhill.com.

**Temple Harvest Festival** - Rt. 45, Temple Common. September 21, 10am-4pm. Pancake breakfast, hay rides, cider pressing, lots of games, puzzles for the whole family, arts, crafts, exhibitors, a special display featuring, "Portraits of Temple," chicken barbeque at 12pm, Temple Band concert at 2pm. Free admission, rain or shine. 878-3058, sartell@monad.net sartell@monad.net.

Apple Fest 2003 - Main St., Wilton. September 27, 9am-1pm. Crafters, clowns, music, live animals & farmers' market ven-654-3020, dors. wmsa@tellink.net, www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

**Charmingfare Farm Pumpkin Festivals** - Rt. 27, Candia. September 27, 28, October 4, 5, 11, 12, 13. Call for information & admission fees. 483-5623, www.visitthefarm.com.

Apple Harvest Day -Central Ave. & Henry Law Park, Dover. October 4, 9am-4pm. Wonderful all day family event featuring artists, handcrafters from all over New England, great food, children's games, activities, great entertainment & much more! 742-2218, info@dovernh.org, www.dovernh.org.

October Fall Fest - Rolling Green Nursery, 64 Breakfast Hill Rd., Greenland. October weekends, 10am-4pm. Activities for families each weekend in October. Children's area includes, pumpkin painting & face painting. Horse drawn hayrides, weather permitting. Gardening seminars, topiary how to's, putting your garden to bed, pruning, etc. 436-2732, rgln@rcn.com, www.rollinggreennursery.com.

Harvest Festival & Apple Pie Sale - Marlow. October 5, 8am-3pm. Silent antiques auction, crafts, art fes-tival, entertainment & apple pie sale. 446-7044.

Annual Fall Festival - Downtown Exeter. October 10-11, 10am-5pm. Local merchants celebrate fall with music, hayrides, arts, crafts, special promotions & much more! 772-2411.

Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off & Regatta - Main St., Goffstown. October 17-20, Friday, evening; Saturday, 8am-9pm; Sunday, 12-4pm. Barn dance, giant pumpkins are weighed by the NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association, then weighted by the NTI chair in Inphili Orwers Association, then turned over to Main St. Program to be made into boats. Sunday the race is on! Giant pumpkin boats float on the Piscataquog River. Yard sale, art show, cook off, movie night, refreshments & 1,000 mini pumpkins in race for prizes! 497-9933, goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net, www.goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net, www.goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net, www.goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net mainst.ora.

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**10th Annual Wilton Arts & Film Festival** - Wilton. M 16, 6pm; May 17, 10am-5pm. Wine & cheese receptic Friday evening, come & watch the winning film by an a film maker, followed by a classic film, "Some Like I Admission \$25/person. Festival on Saturday incluc exhibits, films & a variety of entertainment playing all dadren activities, a Family Tent, puppeteer, magician, c artisans, food & lots of fun for all! 654 illbd/2001@yahoo.com. www.wiltonartsanoffilmfestival.c artisans, food & lots of fun for all! 654 jillpd2001@yahoo.com, www.wiltonartsandfilmfestival.c

Pickin' on Alzheimer's Bluegrass Benefit Con Geneva Point Center, Moultonboro. May 31, 1-10pm. concert in beautiful Meetinghouse overlooking Winnipesaukee, chicken barbeque, rooms, camping & refreshments available. 726-3471, russue@pemivalle grass.com, www.pemivalleybluegrass.com.

Concerts on the Common - Main St., Goffstown. Ju 7pm, Thursday evenings. Join us for a different perfor each week. Call for details. 497 goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net,www.goffstownmain

**Summer of the Future** - Andy's Summer Playhouse, July 3-August 23, 2pm, matinee & 7:30pm, evening Five original plays will be presented, written & perforn children of all ages. 654-2613/321-5947, andyssumm house@yahoo.com, www.andyssummerplayhouse.org

3rd Annual New Boston Fiddler's Contest - Hillsbe County 4-H Fairgrounds, New Boston. July 4, Fiddlers contest during July 4th festivities. 487-2480 kee@grolen.com, www.newboston.nh.us.

North Country Chamber Players - Sugar Hill Meeting Sugar Hill. July 6-August 10, Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays Musical performances of the chamber music repertoworld-class musicians amid the breath taking of the Mountains. During the summer festival, we conduct in interactive music discussions, commission original materials present guest artists. 444-0309, nccp@nc www.newww.com/org/nccp.

Great Waters Music Festival - Acoustical Tent, Wol Most concerts begin at 8pm. Series of summer con programs offered to the public. Programs include cla jazz, folk, popular celebrities & groups. info@greatwaters.org, www.greatwaters.org. Peter Nero - July 17.

8th Annual Masterworks Concert - July 26. 2nd Annual Great Waters Folk Festival - August

Preservation Hall Jazz Band - August 7. Maureen McGovern August 14. **As Time** Goes By...The Songs Spirit of WWII August 23. Wynton Marsalis
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Pickin' on Alzheimer's Bluegrass Benefit Concert -Geneva Point Center, Moultonboro. May 31, 1-10pm. Indoor concert in beautiful Meetinghouse overlooking Lake Winnipesaukee, chicken barbeque, rooms, camping & other refreshments available. 726-3471, russue@pemivalleybluegrass.com, www.pemivalleybluegrass.com.

Concerts on the Common - Main St., Goffstown. June 19, 7pm, Thursday evenings. Join us for a different performance each week. Call for details. 497-9933, goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net,www.goffstownmainst.org.

**Summer of the Future** - Andy's Summer Playhouse, Wilton. July 3-August 23, 2pm, matinee & 7:30pm, evening shows. Five original plays will be presented, written & performed for children of all ages. 654-2613/321-5947, andyssummerplayhouse@yahoo.com, www.andyssummerplayhouse.org.

**3rd Annual New Boston Fiddler's Contest** - Hillsborough County 4-H Fairgrounds, New Boston. July 4, 2-4pm. Fiddlers contest during July 4th festivities. 487-2480, yan-kee@grolen.com, www.newboston.nh.us.

North Country Chamber Players - Sugar Hill Meetinghouse, Sugar Hill. July 6-August 10, Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm. Musical performances of the chamber music repertoire by world-class musicians amid the breath taking of the White Mountains. During the summer festival, we conduct in depth, interactive music discussions, commission original music & present guest artists. 444-0309, nccp@ncia.net, www.newww.com/org/nccp.

Great Waters Music Festival - Acoustical Tent, Wolfeboro. Most concerts begin at 8pm. Series of summer concerts & programs offered to the public. Programs include classical, jazz, folk, popular celebrities & groups. 569-7710, info@greatwaters.org, www.greatwaters.org. Peter Nero - July 17.

8th Annual Masterworks Concert - July 26.

2nd Annual Great Waters Folk Festival - August 1-2, all

Preservation Hall Jazz Band - August 7. Maureen McGovern August 14. **As Time** Goes By...The Songs & Spirit of WWII - August 23. Wynton Marsalis August 29, 5pm

& adults. The farm is home to over 200 animals consisting of 30 different species. The barnyard area includes all the traditional agricultural animals you would expect to see on a farm. Children especially enjoy our hands on petting area. Follow the paths leading into the woods & you will encounter our wildlife exhibits, see some of our greatest predators. 483-5623, www.visitthefarm.com.

NH Dairy Goat Assn. Open Senior-Junior Doe Show - Rt. 13, New Boston. June 7, 9am-4pm. Dairy goat show, showcasing six dairy breeds starting with a senior doe show, (animals all in milk) & going into a junior doe show, (animals under 24 months not in milk). Information regarding breeds will be available. 673-8426, foxspride@aol.com.

**Open Barns** - Various farms throughout NH. Sponsored by Granite State Dairy Promotion, call 271-3696 for more infor-

Cheshire County Farm - Westmoreland, June 7. UNH Dairy Center - Durham, June 28. Windyhurst Farm - Westmoreland, July 12. Sherman Farm - E. Conway, August 9.

Lakes Region Horse Show Series - Belknap County 4-H Fairgrounds. June 8, 29, July 6, August 3, 10, 17, September 7, 28 & October 5. Horse show series, open horse shows & gymkhanas. Day end champions & reserve champions in all divisions & year end awards in all divisions. required for year end awards. JLFPaints@aol.com. Membership 269-3374,

Granite State Appaloosa Color Caper Review - Cheshire Fair Grounds. June 13, 7pm, June 14 & 15, 8am. One of the largest all breed shows in NH. In our 35th year promoting the colorful Appaloosa. This is a four judge show with the heritage class, jumping & game events. Youth, open & non professional events. 364-3310, ibfarm@worldpath.net.

NH All Arabian Horse Show- Deerfield Fairgrounds. August 7-9, 8am-10pm. "A" rated show of Arabian horses. In our 29th year of promoting the Arabian horse with events including our normal classes of the Arabian, dressage & sport horse events. These events will be run under the rules of the IAHA & USAE guidelines. 528-2800, www.nharab.org.

Wentworth Hunt - Durham & Milton Mills. Fox hunt conducted at 14 different sites throughout late summer & fall. Humane hunt. Come frolic with horses & hounds. 749-0452.

redhorsehillpottery@attbi.com.

Wentworth Dressage Show - May 11, 8am-4pm. Mast Rd., Durham. 887-2858, tmonkshorses@aol.com. Indoor

school show. **Wentworth Hunter Pace** - June 7, 9am-12pm. Branch Hill Farm, Milton Mills. 431-4015. Hilltop Field, non-competitive

Wentworth Hunter Pace - September 6, 9am-12pm. Branch Hill Farm, Milton Mills. 207-967-0656, JLBurgess@gwi.net.

Wentworth Hunter Pace - August 23, 9am-12pm. Rain date: August 24. Moose Mountains Regional Greenways. 749-0452, redhorsehillpottery@attbi.com.

Wentworth Hunter Pace - October 11, 9am-12pm. York Field Farm, Kensington. 926-3534, lisahci@aol.com.

Lamson Farm Day - Mont Vernon. September 27, 10am-4pm. Bicentennial barn dance on September 26, 7-11pm. Horse rides, antique tractors, hay rides, farm tools, fun family day on the farm & chicken barbeque served at 12pm. Free admission & barbeque tickets available at the General Store & post office. 673-0493, KtyHwk@adelphia.net.

# Hay & Sleigh Rides

Hay Rides/Educational Barn Tours - The Inn at East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock St., Troy. Ongoing, reservations required. Horse drawn hay & or sleigh rides, educational barn to the formula of the results tours for groups, including pony rides, cow & goat milking & trail rides. 242-6495, info@east-hill-farm.com, www.east-hill-

Fieldstone Farm Hay & Sleigh Rides - Haverhill. Year round. Horse drawn rides in a traditional traverse sled or wagon with comfortable hay bale seats for up to 14 passengers. An hour long ride through field & forest with a splendid view of the Connecticut River Valley. Refreshments served at trail's end. During the summer & fall months our

picnic area is open, complete with a camp-fire for cooking. Moonlight rides are avail-able during the winter months. We also offer an elegant vis-a-vis carriage for

The Rocks Estate Events Society for the Protection of NH Forests - Bethlehem. SPNHF offers a series of family oriented educational programs and activities. 444-6228.

info@therocks.org. www.therocks.org.

Bretzfelder Memorial Park Summer Nature Series August 6, 13, 20, 27.

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Rocks Estate Heritage Day - September 6, 10am-3pm.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - November 22, 28, 29, 30,
December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 10am-4pm.

NH Crafters Fair - November 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13,

14, 10am-4pm.

Bretzfelder Memorial Park Winter Nature Series -February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2004. A Winter Break: Wildlife & Blacksmithing - February 7,

2004, 10am-12pm.

NH Ag Day at Bonnie Brae Farms - 601 Daniel Webster Hwy., Plymouth. August 17, 10am-4pm. With over 300 Red Deer for breeding stock, venison & velvet antler, there will be guided walking tours of the farm & handling facility & samples of farm raised venison available all day. 536-3880, admin@bonniebraefarms.com, www.bonniebraefarms.com.

**High Hopes Farm Entertainment Park** - 582 Glebe Rd., Westmoreland. August 30-October 31, 10am-5pm, daily. Farm adventures, feed & pet animals, haunted barn, many rides, such as, super slide, giant swing, tricycle tracks, train, roller coaster. Food/snack bar, watch donuts & funnel cake being made on weekends. Gift shop & homemade baked pies. 399-4305, highhopesorchard@monad.net, www.highhopesorchard.com.

Antique Tractor & Small Engine Show/Tractor Pull - Rts. 3 Antique Tractor & Sinali Engine Show Tractor Full - Nts. 3 & 302, Twin Mountain. August 31, 9am-4pm. Display of antique tractors, small engines which were used on farms to replace horse power & to help in daily chores, washing clothes, pumping water, shucking corn, etc. Tractor pull features many brands of tractors competing to pull a stone boat. 869-2181, www.beechhillauto.com.

Gould Hill Harvest Days - Gould Hill Orchards, Rt. 103, 656 Gould Hill Rd., Contoocook. Labor Day weekend-Columbus Day weekend, open daily. Apple picking, school & bus educational tours & hay rides by reservation, 85 apple varieties & 10 peach varieties in season, antique tractors & museum displays, barn & nostalgic barn & Orchard Store on 200 year old family farm. The Little Nature Museum open by appoint-ment featuring hands on & interactive collections including fossils, rocks, shells, Indian artifacts, observation of bee hive, marked nature trails & educational programs. 746-3811 gouldhill@aol.com, www.gouldhill.com.

Children's Place Orchard Day -Apple Hill Farm, 580 Mountain Rd.,

Concord. Mid September. Fun filled day of children activities, hay ride, apple picking, games, activities & much more! Call 224-8862 for date & time. applehill@fcgnetworks.net.

WREN at The Rocks - The Rocks Estate, Rt. 302, Bethlehem. September 20, 10am-4pm. A variety of local enterprises, showcase of WREN (Women's Rural Entreprenurial Network) members & their businesses to the local & visiting public. Attendees are bound to discover something to remember & take home. Enjoy samples, watch demonstrations & shop for locally made products. 869-9736, wren@wrencommunity.org, www.wrencommunity.org.

20th Annual Wool Arts Tour - Antrim, Hillsborough, Washington & Henniker. October 11-12, 9am-5pm. Self guided tour of fiber farms & studios from the fiber animals, sheep, our country on the nome & war fronts. 569-1212, al.simpson@wrightmuseum.org, www.wrmuseum.org

**Strawbery Banke Museum** - Marcy St., Portsmouth. Call 433-1100 for information or www.strawberybanke.org. Historic Plants & Seeds Sale & Opening of Pocket Full of Posies Garden Shop - May 10, 9am-12pm. Houses in Bloom at Strawbery Banke Museum - June Victorian Garden Party & talk by Tovah Martin contributing editor of Victoria Magazine - August 9, 1-4:30pm. Strawbery Banke's Candlelit Stroll - December 6, 7, 13 &

Canterbury Shaker Village - 288 Shaker Rd. Call 783-9511 for information, admission. Open weekends beginning April 15. Open daily 10am-5pm, May 1-October 31. Lunch in the Creamery 11:30am-2:30pm or info@shakers.org, www.shak-

Meet the Artisans Who Carry on the Traditions - April 5-6, 10am-4pm.

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Family Memory Day - May 24, 10am-4pm.
Herb & Garden Day - June 7, 10am-4pm.
Wood Days - June 28-29, 10am-4pm.
Antiques Weekend - July 11-13.
Lavender Day - July 13, 10am-4pm.
Mother Ann Day - August 3, 1-4pm.
Wool Day - September 20, 10am-4pm.
Harvest Day - October 4, 10am-4pm.
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'Tis A Gift Artisan Festival - November 21 & 22, 10am-5pm; November 23, 10am-4pm.

A Holiday Happening Weekend - December 13-14, 11am-

Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm - 58 Cleveland Hill Rd., Tamworth. There are monthly workshops in addition to the below listed activities, call 800-686-6117, www.remickmuseum.org for more information.

Woodworking Day on the Farm - April 19, 1-4pm.
Farm Festival & Stone Wall Building - May 3, Children's Fishing Derby - May 18, 10am-

> Tamworth History Day - August 16, 1-4pm.
> Pumpkinfest - October 18, 5-7pm.
> Historic Thanksgiving - November 15,

1-4pm. Victorian Christmas - December 14, 1-4pm.

The Sheridan House: The Winchester Historical Society Museum - 391 Back Ashuelot Rd., May-October, \_9am-12pm; Ashuelot. Wednesdays, 9am-12pm; Sundays, 2-4pm. The museum is housed in a Victorian cottage, built by Charles Norton in 1870. The house was acquired from the Town of Winchester in 1996. Many unusual architectural features both inside & out make it an interesting place to visit. Winchester memorabilia

is on display throughout all rooms. 4211,dbd@cheshire.net, adam.cheshire.net/dbd/index.htm.

Fort at No. 4 Living History Museum - 267 Springfield Rd., Rt. 11, Charlestown. Hours are 10am-4:30pm, daily. Call for admission fees. Rain or shine, 826-5700, fortat4@cyberportal.net, www.fortat4.com.

Connecticut River Valley Days - May 2-3.
Defenders of Hearth & Home - May 10-11.
New England For Independence! - May 31-June 1.
Beyond the Ordinary - June 14-15.

A Fort at No. 4 Fabricganza! - June 28-29. Spread the Alarm! - July 4-6. Junior Interpreters Program - July 8-25.

A Boatman's Holiday - July 19-20. Yesteryear's Car Show - July 27. Native American Apprentice Camp - July 28-30. Sights & Sounds of the French & Indian War - August 2-

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Pack a Picnic Basket & Stay a Spell - June, July, August & September, 11am-1pm, weekdays; 11am-5pm, week-

9th Annual Open Barn & Celebration - July 5-6.

Coffeehouse for the Birds - Prescott Farm Audubon Center, 888 White Oaks Rd., Laconia. June 20, 7-9pm. Annual fundraiser for the audubon group, featuring music & bird friendly coffee & treats. Door prizes. 366-5695, prescottfarm@cyberportal.com.

Revolutionary War Festival - Downtown Exeter. July 19, 10am-7pm. Celebration of American independence with reenactments, history programs, music, food & much more! 772-2622.

Chester Eastman Homestead - Rt. 113, North Chatham. Farm Museum, call 694-3388, sjsseast@ncia.net, www.cehfarm.com for program

details & admission.

Chore Time - By reservation, 3-5pm.

Hay/Sleigh Rides - By reservation.
Ice Harvest - January 24, 2004, 11am-3pm.

Maple Sunday - March 14, 2004, 12-4pm.

# Forests, Trails & Woodsmen's Events

**Squam Lakes Natural Science Center** - Holderness. Discover a season full of children's & family educational proprograms. Fun for all at this unique outdoor education center. Call for program details & costs, 968-7194, ext. 24, www.nhnature.org.

New Hampshire Day - May 10, 9:30am-4:30pm. Special \$1 admission for all NH residents. Special Mountain Lion presentation at 11am & 1pm by Dave Erler, senior naturalist.

Kirkwood Gardens Day - June 7. Activities include lectures, plant sale, silent & live auctions of new & unusual plants. Open to the public, free.

Earth Travels - July 8-August 12, Tuesdays. Slide lecture

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Halloween Hauntings - October 24-25. Unearth the myths & mysteries of Halloween animals as they greet & teach while you journey along the eerie path. Guided tours along the Creature Trail begin at 6pm & run every 10 minutes throughout the evening with the last tour at 7:50pm. Admission: \$7/members; \$10/non members. Reservations required. required.

Cheshire Forestry & Farm Expo - Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey. May 31-June 1, 10am-5pm. Two-day event to includes logging competition, antique tractor pull, miniature horse show, farm & forestry trade exposition, related safety seminars, live equipment demonstrations, sawmills & wood processors. Events & interests for the entire family. Admission: Adults, \$3; children free. Free parking. 357-4740, cheshirefair@monad.net, www.cheshirefair.com.

Annual Loon Festival - The Loon Center, Moultonborough. July 12, 10am-2pm. Many activities will be available, including the following, face painting, dunk tank, children's arts & crafts, wildlife exhibits, music & two miles of hiking trails throughout the Markus Wildlife Sanctuary. 476-5666, www.loon.org.

6th Annual Umbagogg Wildlife Festival - Errol. August 2, 8am-4:30pm. The event is a celebration of the diversity & abundance of wildlife, wildlife habitat & wildlife-oriented recreation in the area. Typical events include: pontoon rides, bird walks, canoe tours, a barbeque, wildlife presentation, along with vendors selling wildlife arts & crafts. NH Fish & Game offers fishing exhibits & an amateur wildlife photo contest is held with entries displayed. 482-3415.

40th Annual Cornish Fair Woodsmen's Field Day - Cornish Fairgrounds, Town House Rd., Cornish. August 16, registration, 8:30am; events begin at 9:30am. Individual & team competitions in contests using chain saws, axes, crosscut saws, bow saws & peaveys. Admission included with fair fee, rain or shine. 543-0536, JimZ@CostaPrecision.com, www.cornishfair.com/schedule/saturday/html.

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Giant Pumpkin Weigh-c Goffstown. October 17-20, Fi 9pm; Sunday, 12-4pm. Bar weighed by the NH Giant Pum turned over to Main St. Prog Sunday the race is on! Gial Piscataquog River. Yard sale, refreshments & 1,000 mini pur 9933, goffstownmainst@fcgr mainst.org.

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**Thanksgiving Farm Fare**- Storage Rd., Keene. November 22. F & specialty food producers, th chase high quality local turker handmade pies & much more! to the festivities. 357-7278 www.StonewallFarm.org.

Santa Visits Christmas Cou Country Tree Farm, Rt. 108, 10am-12pm. Santa arrives at in the Santa Shed. North Pol 382-6146, ChristmasCountry@ www.ChristmasCountry.com.

**5th Annual Festival of Trees** 4, 2-8pm. Live Christmas tree public auction. 772-2411.

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Francestown Contra Dance Second Saturday of every moi England Contra Dance that | Francestown Town Hall since i event one of the oldest contra tional music & calling. All da dancers, from beginners to exp event for families, singles, co \$5/person. Year round, \$5/person. Year Yankee@grolen.com.

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October Fall Fest - Rolling Green Nursery, 64 Breakfast Hill Rd., Greenland. October weekends, 10am-4pm. Activities for families each weekend in October. Children's area includes, pumpkin painting & face painting. Horse drawn hayrides, weather permitting. Gardening seminars, topiary how to's, putting your garden to bed, pruning, etc. 436-2732, rgln@rcn.com, www.rollinggreennursery.com.

Harvest Festival & Apple Pie Sale - Marlow. October 5, 8am-3pm. Silent antiques auction, crafts, art festival, entertainment & apple pie sale. 446-7044.

Annual Fall Festival - Downtown Exeter. October 10-11, 10am-5pm. Local merchants celebrate fall with music, hayrides, arts, crafts, special promotions & much more! 772-2411.

Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off & Regatta - Main St., Goffstown. October 17-20, Friday, evening; Saturday, 8am-9pm; Sunday, 12-4pm. Barn dance, giant pumpkins are weighed by the NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association, then turned over to Main St. Program to be made into boats. Sunday the race is on! Giant pumpkin boats float on the Picentaguag Picer. Yord age, art show each off movin pight. Piscataquog River. Yard sale, art show, cook off, movie night, refreshments & 1,000 mini pumpkins in race for prizes! 497-9933, goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net, www.goffstownmainst.org.

Nature's Halloween Party - Prescott Farm Audubon Center, 888 White Oaks Rd., Laconia. October 30, 7-8:30pm. Celebrate Halloween the Audubon way! Fun filled evening, featuring art & craft activities & natural history programs. 366-5695, prescottfarm@cyberportal.com.

Halloween Hoedown - Apple Hill Farm, 580 Mountain Rd., Concord. Late October. Join us for some Halloween fun geared for younger children. Trick or treating, games, music, dancing, hay rides & more. Small donation per family requested. Call for hours. 224-8862, applehill@fcgnetworks.net.

Fall Open House - Spring Ledge Farm, 220 Main St., New London. October 19, 11am-3pm. Open house & hay rides of the farm, 7th Annual Apple Pie Contest at 1pm, past winning recipes & entry form can be found on our web site, hay bale maze, kite flying, weather permitting, cows. Refreshments available. Free admission. 526-6253, info@springledgefarm.com, www.springledgefarm.com.

**Thanksgiving Farm Fare**- Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene. November 22. Featuring 30 area farm vendors & specialty food producers, this food fair is the place to purchase high quality local turkeys, organic breads & produce, handmade pies & much more! Traditional juried crafters add to the festivities. 357-7278, joneil@StonewallFarm.org, www.StonewallFarm.org.

Santa Visits Christmas Country - Santa Shed, Christmas Country Tree Farm, Rt. 108, Plaistow. November 29-30, 10am-12pm. Santa arrives at the farm for visits with children in the Santa Shed. North Pole mail box for letters to Santa. 382-6146, ChristmasCountry@netscape.net, www.ChristmasCountry.com.

**5th Annual Festival of Trees** - Town Hall, Exeter. December 4, 2-8pm. Live Christmas trees are decorated & donated for public auction. 772-2411.

# Song, Dance & Theater

Francestown Contra Dance - Francestown Town Hall. Second Saturday of every month, 8-11pm. A traditional New England Contra Dance that has been taking place in the Francestown Town Hall since it was built in 1847, making this event one of the oldest contra dances in the US. Live traditional music & calling. All dances are taught & all levels of dancers, from beginners to experienced, are welcome. A fun event for families, singles, couples or groups. Admission \$5/person. Year round, rain or shine. 487-2480, Yankee@grolen.com.

**University of New Hampshire Dept. of Theatre & Dance** - Durham. April-August. Call 862-2290 or visit the web site at www.unhmub.com for a complete schedule of activities &

kee@grolen.com, www.newboston.nh.us.

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2nd Annual Great Waters Folk Festival - August



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Ice Cream Concert Series - Beech Hill Farm Stanc Cream Barn, 107 Beech Hill Rd., Hopkinton. May 1 Day, Thursdays, 7pm. Free entertainment provided I jazz & string ensembles, come to our "pavilion" for ρε ances. Rain or shine, 223-0828, rmkimball@fcgnetwor www.beechhillfarm.com.

Annual Plymouth Art Show - Plymouth Common. C 4, 9am-4pm. Over 30 New England artists gather Common to show & sell their art. Show is free & oper public. Music in the gazebo noon-2pm. 536-8946 info@plymouthnh.org, www.plymouthnh.org.

#### Livestock

Farm Animals - Schroeder Farm, 126 Sutton Rd., Newbury. Summertime. General viewing of farm a including Black Angus cattle, sheep, pigs, piglets (un chickens & layers. Families welcome. 938-5911, sc

The Carriage Barn Equestrian Center - 6 Sarah's Newton. Summer & Fall. Carriage driving lessons, br of Haflinger horses, visit our antique carriage barn & a carriages. Tours of facility can be arranged for groups. driving lesson, shows & clinics are listed on web site 0140, www.carriage-barn.com.

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The Carriage Barn Equestrian Center - 6 Sarah's Way, Newton. Summer & Fall. Carriage driving lessons, breeders of Haffinger horses, visit our antique carriage barn & antique carriages. Tours of facility can be arranged for groups. Group driving lesson, shows & clinics are listed on web site. 378-0140, www.carriage-barn.com.

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749-0452, redhorsehillpottery@attbi.com.

Wentworth Hunter Pace - October 11, 9am-12pm. York Field Farm, Kensington. 926-3534, lisahci@aol.com.

Lamson Farm Day - Mont Vernon. September 27, 10am-4pm. Bicentennial barn dance on September 26, 7-11pm. Horse rides, antique tractors, hay rides, farm tools, fun family day on the farm & chicken barbeque served at 12pm. Free admission & barbeque tickets available at the General Store & post office. 673-0493, KtyHwk@adelphia.net.

## Hay & Sleigh Rides

Hay Rides/Educational Barn Tours - The Inn at East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock St., Troy. Ongoing, reservations required. Horse drawn hay &/or sleigh rides, educational barn tours for groups, including pony rides, cow & goat milking & trail rides. 242-6495, info@east-hill-farm.com, www.east-hill-farm.com, www.east-hill-farm.com

Fieldstone Farm Hay & Sleigh Rides - Haverhill. Year round. Horse drawn rides in a traditional traverse sled or wagon with comfortable hay bale seats for up to 14 passengers. An hour long ride through field & forest with a splendid view of the Connecticut River Valley. Refreshments served at trail's end. During the summer & fall months our

picnic area is open, complete with a camp-fire for cooking. Moonlight rides are available during the winter months. We also offer an elegant vis-a-vis carriage for weddings, anniversaries & other special occasions. We travel as well as host rides at the farm. Please call for weather conditions & reservations, 989-3357, tions tannfarm@together.net.

Hayride Farm Tours - Huntoon Farm, 46 Huntoon Rd., Danbury. Spring-fall, by appointment. Scenic country hay rides through woods & fields of our five generation family farm. View the land, learn about our heritage. Tractor drawn rides about 45 minutes plus a rest stop for refreshments. Regular schedule of rides during

the foliage season.
768-5579, pdsprague@nhvt.net, www.huntoonfarm.com.

Punch Brook Farm - 77 North Rd., Franklin. 934-2738, sheep@together.net, www.PunchBrookFarm.com. Sleigh ride activities::

Horse Drawn Pumpkin Rides - October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19,25, 26, 11:30am-3:30pm. Enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride through the fall foliage & pick a pumpkin in the patch. Bring a pičnic basket & relax. School group discounts during the week.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - October-December, day or evening, by reservation. Crisp air, private campfires & popcorn, couples, families, groups enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride through the woods. Visit the animals in the barnyard. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides - December 2003-March 2004, day or evening, by reservation. Couples, families or groups can enjoy a one horse sleigh or a team sleigh. Ride through open fields, wooded trails & along the picturesque Punch Brook Farm. Warm up at your private campfire with some goodies & we'll be back to get you for another ride. Baby lambs are being born in February & March. You'll want to

Group Sleigh Rides & Lambing Time - February 18-March Group Sleigh Rides & Lambing Time - February 18-March 22, 2004, day or evenings, by reservation. Bring your group (school, youth, club, church, etc.) for a sleigh ride, campfire & farm tour. Hold a baby lamb, maybe see a live birth. Greenhouse production will be in progress. Be an active participant of a working farm.

Valentine Sleigh Ride - February 14, 2004, day or evening, by reservation. Surprise your Valentine & hop on the "Sweetheart Express" where we will drop you off at a romantic campfire area. Bring a beverage of your choice & enjoy the warmth of the fire, before we make your return trip. A memory that will last forever.

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Charmingfare Farm Hay/Sleigh Rides - Rt. 27, Candia. Call for reservations & admission fees. 483-5623, www.visitthefarm.com. Halloween Horse Drawn Hayrides - October 10, 11, 17, 18,

Children's 'Trick or Treat' Havrides - October 18, 19, 25, 26.

Lighted Winter Wonderland - December 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27.

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#### **About Town**

**4th Annual Kitchen Tour** - Various homes throughout Exeter & surrounding towns. May 3, 10am-3pm. A unique opportunity to view nine of the Exeter area's most beautiful & innovative kitchens. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the tour. 772-2411.

Art Auction - Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene. May 3, "En Plein Air" in the afternoon; auction, evening. Artists working "En Plein Air" during afternoon on farm gounds. Admission free, box lunches available by reservation. Evening, live auction of juried pieces held in the magnificent community room. Hearty appetizers & wet bar. Limited seating, auction tickets \$25. 357-7278, jforcier@stonewallfarm.org.

Annual Exeter River Alewife Festival - Swasey Parkway, downtown Exeter. May 31, 10am-2pm, rain date: June 1. A celebration of the wildlife, history & arts of the Exeter River. Activities & entertainment for all ages. 772-2411.

Mystery Lantern Walk - 2007 Main St., Bethlehem. Friday & Saturday, Memorial Day-Columbus Day weekends, 8:30-10pm. Discover the ghost stories, legends & local lore of historic Bethlehem as you explore hidden neighborhoods by the light of genuine kerosene lanterns. Learn about the colorful people & events that made Bethlehem once the premier tourist destination in America. Costumed guides. 869-6473, ben@angelofthemountains.com, www.angelofthemountains.com.

Goffstown Old Home Day - Main St. June 7, 8am-9pm. Crafts, demonstrations, farm animals, fire fighting demos, games for kids, dance, music, book & yard sale, food booths, cook-off, card-board & duct tape boat race, open air movie, etc. 497-9933, goffstownmainst@fcgnetworks.net, www.goffstownmainst.org.

**Charlestown's Original Flea Market** - St. Luke's Church, Main St., Charlestown. June 7 & September 20, 7am-3pm. Flea market on church grounds. Refreshments & lunch served. Free admission (\$10 for dealer space). 826-5253.

**Pittsfield Town Wide Yard Sale** - Pittsfield. June 14, 8am-3pm. Residents hold yard sales at their own homes. Maps are available for \$1. 435-6346.

**Olde New England Days** - Rt. 3, downtown North Woodstock. June 28, 12-8pm. Town-wide event will feature an antique car show, sidewalk sale, yard sale, local talent show, music & drama, historical info, family fair & featuring local manufacturers & artists. 745-6621.

info@lincolnwoodstock.com, www.lincolnwoodstock.com.

Charlestown Yard Sale Day - Charlestown. July 19, 8am. 100+yard sales all over our beautiful town. Detailed maps with each yard sale numbered are passed out in the morning on Main St. Food, amenities, church luncheons, Fort at #4 open, Morningside hang gliding flight park open. Lots & lots of treasures to be discovered. 826-3110.

**Family Fun Night** - Goffstown Historical Society Museum, 18 Parker Station Rd., Goffstown. July 19, 4-8pm. Games & sports, in & outdoors. Open house at the museum, activities & light refreshments available. 497-4536.

**70th Annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair** Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury. August 2-10, 10am-5pm. Over 200 individual craft booths of state-juried members of the League of NH Craftsmen, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops & performing arts for the whole family. Admission \$7/adults; \$5/seniors; children 12 & under free. Free parking & childcare is available. 224-3375, www.nhcrafts.org.

Newport Area Women's Club Flea Market & Craft Fair - Newport Common. August 9, 9am-3pm. Crafts, flea market, food & more. Spaces \$15/in advance; \$20/that day. Rain date: August 16. 863-2792.

**10th Annual Scramble for the Ages Golf Tournament** - Waumbek Golf Club, Jefferson. August 16, 7am. Registration & putting contest begins at 7am. Annual golf tournament for the benefit of programs numerous North Country community. Hole in one sponsored by Berlin City Dealerships. Many specialty prizes

November 29, 10am. Enjoy breakfast with Santa, while sharing your "wish list" with him. 654-3020, wmsa@tellink.net, www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

**16th Annual Holiday Open House** - Downtown Exeter. December 4, 5-8pm. A special evening hosted by local merchants with extended shopping hours, Santa's arrival, magical tree lighting & much more! 772-2411.

Christmas Tree Lighting/Children's Store - Dustin Park, Pittsfield. December 5, 6pm. Christmas caroling, refreshments, disc jockey, hayrides, Children's Store & tree lighting. 435-6346.

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Francestown Holiday Fair & Silent

Auction - Francestown Town Hall.
December 6, 9am-3pm. Charming
fair offers wonderful holiday shopping with
crafters, artisans & specialty companies. The
huge Silent Auction features over 150 wide ranging
items. Auction items are listed for review and online bidding at
www.francestownpreschool.org one month prior to the event. Hot
soups, hearty meals & delectable treats will delight browsers.
Free admission. 547-2055, francestownpreschool@yahoo.com.

Santa is Having a Big Party! - Charmingfare Farm, Rt. 27, Candia. December 13, 14, 20, 21, 11am-3pm. Reservations required, \$10/person, infants 12 months & under free. You are invited to join Santa & the whole gang, a 30 minute horsedrawn ride will take you to the party location, many familiar fabled Christmas characters will be there, Elves, Frosty, Kris the Christmas Bear, the Grinch, Mrs. Clause will be serving her homemade sugar cookies with hot cocoa! Dasher, a live reindeer, will be there, so bring your camera! 483-5623, www.visit thefarm.com.

**First Night Wolfeboro** - Wolfeboro. December 31, begins at 2pm. Events in churches & schools, refreshments available, parade at 5pm, fireworks at 5:30pm & midnight, ice cutting, face painting, family entertainment, bands, theatre, dancing, great for all ages! 569-4994.

#### **Gardens**

**UNH Greenhouse Open House** - Mast Rd. Ext., Durham. April 4 & 5, 9am-4pm. Educational lectures, displays & demonstrations on a wide range of topics to satisfy anyone interested in home gardening & landscaping. Free admission & open to the public. 862-3200.

Verdent Visions - Old Meeting House, Francestown. April 12, 9am-4pm. Topics include, principles of garden design, container gardening, the use of ferns in gardens, color & texture in the garden. Admission \$35, includes lunch. 547-8863/2050, merlen@excelonline.com.

Gardens, Barn Shop & Herbs Heritage Herbs, 1 Hannah Dustin Rd., Concord. May-October, 10:30am-5pm, Mon.-Fri.; 11am-4pm, Saturdays & Sundays. Browse through two acres of herb, annual & perennial gardens on the banks of the Merrrimack River. Join us on November 28-December 7 for our Christmas Open House. 753-

Strafford County Conservation District Plant Sale - fairgrounds, Rochester. May 2-3, 6pm, Friday; 10am-12:30pm, Saturday. Offering plants for sale to landowners for controlling erosion to be used as wind/sound breakers, bird food/wildlife & shelter for nesting sites. Fruit & evergreen trees for your own use or to start a business. Other kinds of trees & plants available. 749-3037, bambi-miller@nhnacdnet.org.

Conservation Plant Sale - Ladd Farm, North Rd., Brentwood.

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**Summer Open House** - Spring Ledge Farm, 220 Main St., New London. July 11, 5-7pm. Open house & tours of our vegetable fields & greenhouses. Great time to ask gardening questions & talk with other vegetable & flower gardeners about your experiences. Refreshments available. Free admission. 526-6253, info@springledgefarm.com, www.springledgefarm.com.

Garden Tour Gardens Galore - Orford. July 12, 12-4pm, rain date, July 13. Self guided tour of six private gardens tucked away off lovely winding roads, located along the Connecticut River on scenic highway Rts. 10 & 25A. Informational booklets available. Pause at the Congregational Church for English tea. Donation of \$12 includes tea. Reservations required. 353-9595/9677, 9am-9pm. ginnydigs@valley.net, oslib@sover.net.

**12th Annual Open House** - Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Rd., Goffstown. July 19-20, 9am-5pm. Extensive daylily collection in peak bloom, 2-1/2 acres of display gardens & stock beds to wander through, free lemonade to sip & cookies to munch. Drawings each day for gift certificates, fresh bouquets & t-shirts. 497-3975.

8th Annual Daylily Extravaganza - Davis Brook Farm, 106 Bonds Comer Rd., Hancock. July 25-26, 9am-3pm. Come view the daylily display gardens & choose from over 200 varieties available this year. Many colors to choose from. 25 new varieties, plus companion plants, flowering shrubs & perennials. Door prizes, photography contest, free refreshments & demonstrations. Also, open to the public, weekends, Thursday-Sunday, June 26-August 10. Rain or shine, 525-4728, daylilies@DavisBrookFarm. MV.com.

**Open Gardens at the Woodlands** - 87 Sunset Hill, Harrisville. July 25-27, August 1-3 & 8-10, 10am-4pm. A national display garden for the American Hemerocallis Society (daylilies). We have over 500 varieties of daylilies & 130 hosta varieties. Vegetable & perennials gardens, attractive, scenic location. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. 827-9814, thewoodlands@cheshire.net.

The Fells/John Hay National Wildlife Refuge - Rt. 103A, Newbury. Historic gardens, including Rock Garden, Rose Terrace, "secret" Old Garden, perennial boarder & trails open daily. Historic house tours weekends, May 24-October 13. Full details of weekly summer gardening programs are on our web site: www.thefells.org. 763-4789.

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Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter - Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Rd., Goffstown. August 30-September 1, 9am-5pm. Educational focus on fall garden chores, demonstrations on dividing perennials at 10am, 12pm & 2pm each day. Free refreshments, special prices on fall bloomers. 497-3975.

## **NH Farmers' Markets**

New Hampshire Farmers' Markets offer the colorful and tasty bounty of local farms and gardens all season long. Enjoy the friendly, open air market atmosphere while shopping for fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, page to the said readily proposed for the page of the said readily proposed for the said readi

locally prepared foods and specialty items. There are convenient
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about NH farmers' markets contact
the NH Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food at 271-3788.

Colebrook Farmers' Market - 43 Colby St. July-October, Saturdays, 8-11am. Vegetables, fruits, baked goods, wool products, maple products, pickles, jams & jellies. 237-4430.

Concord Farmers' Market - 33 Capitol St. June-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. NH grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, herbs, cheese, baked goods, maple syrup, venison, bedding plants, perennials, crafts, pork, jams, jellies & cider. 796-2654.

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**Family Fun Night** - Goffstown Historical Society Museum, 18 Parker Station Rd., Goffstown. July 19, 4-8pm. Games & sports, in & outdoors. Open house at the museum, activities & light refreshments available. 497-4536.

**70th Annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair** - Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury. August 2-10, 10am-5pm. Over 200 individual craft booths of state-juried members of the League of NH Craftsmen, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops & performing arts for the whole family. Admission \$7/adults; \$5/seniors; children 12 & under free. Free parking & childcare is available. 224-3375, www.nhcrafts.org.

Newport Area Women's Club Flea Market & Craft Fair - Newport Common. August 9, 9am-3pm. Crafts, flea market, food & more. Spaces \$15/in advance; \$20/that day. Rain date: August 16. 863-2792.

10th Annual Scramble for the Ages Golf Tournament - Waumbek Golf Club, Jefferson. August 16, 7am. Registration & putting contest begins at 7am. Annual golf tournament for the benefit of programs numerous North Country community. Hole in one sponsored by Berlin City Dealerships. Many specialty prizes furnished by local businesses. Open to both men & women. Admission \$200/4 person team & includes 2 carts, 18 holes of golf, refreshments, goody bags & lots of fun! 752-3010, knason@tccap.org, www.tccap.org.

**Open House** - Box & Barrell Mill Farm, Hancock. August 17, 1-4pm. This is the annual open house at this historic farm, an educational, research & demonstration center for ecological technology in Hancock. Enjoy touring the working water-powered mill & micro-hydroelectric system, visiting the certified organic gardens & scenic mill pond & trade ideas about NH history, water power & ecological farming. 525-3788.

**Boscawen Old Home Day** - Community Park. August 23, 10am-9pm. Parade at 10am. Food, music, entertainment, games & activities for the children, booths, ice cream social, historical society, art contest exhibit, chicken barbeque from 4-6pm & bonfire with band 6-9pm. 796-7011, RRJudd@aol.com.

**84th Annual Gilford Old Home Day** - Gilford Village. August 23, 7am-11:30pm. Annual celebration featuring a pancake breakfast, food & craft booths, parade, entertainment, games & field events, road race, band, dance, for all ages, fireworks. 527-4722.

Danbury Grange & Community Fair - North Rd., Danbury. September 6, 8am-10pm. Pancake breakfast at the school, 7-10am. Parade, 11am. Food, exhibits, baby show, horse shoes, vegetable & flower display, tractor pull, baked bean & ham supper, 5-7pm, evening music, Cardigan Mountain Tradition, auction, raffle. Free admission, rain or shine, charge for supper. 768-3666.

Annual Book Sale - Plainfield Town Hall. September 13 & 14, 9am-4pm. Annual book sale of approximately 10,000 books. Low prices. 675-6866.

Old Fashioned Pig Roast - Tuck Museum, 40 Park Ave., Hampton. September 13, 12-2:30pm. Pig roast & Silent Auction on the grounds of the Tuck Museum. Tickets \$20, children under 12 free, on sale until September 9, no tickets sold at door. Museum tours, raffles, music, great fun! 926-2543, hhs@nh.ultranet.com.

**Goshen Old Home Day** - Goshen. October 4, 9am-7pm. The day begins with a big parade, craft fair, hike to the Lead Mine & to the brick yard. The Fire Department cooks lunch, bake & book sale, at 5pm the Goshen Community Church serves roast beef dinner to more than 100 people. 863-6921/8831.

Craft Show - Twin Mountain Town Hall, School St. November 1, 9am-3pm. Crafts by local artisans, includes homemade baked goods & light refreshments provided by members of the Historical Society. 846-5434, woolhouse1@adelphia.net.

Holiday Kickoff-Breakfast with Santa - Local's Cafe, Wilton.

Verdent Visions - Old Meeting House, Francestown. April 12, 9am-4pm. Topics include, principles of garden design, container gardening, the use of ferns in gardens, color & texture in the garden. Admission \$35, includes lunch. 547-8863/2050, merlen@excelonline.com.

Gardens, Barn Shop & Herbs Heritage Herbs, 1 Hannah Dustin Rd., Concord. May-October, 10:30am-5pm, Mon.-Fri.; 11am-4pm, Saturdays & Sundays. Browse through two acres of herb, annual & perennial gardens on the banks of the Merrrimack River. Join us on November 28-December 7 for our Christmas Open House. 753-9005

Strafford County Conservation District Plant Sale - fairgrounds, Rochester. May 2-3, 6pm, Friday; 10am-12:30pm, Saturday. Offering plants for sale to landowners for controlling erosion to be used as wind/sound breakers, bird food/wildlife & shelter for nesting sites. Fruit & evergreen trees for your own use or to start a business. Other kinds of trees & plants available. 749-3037, bambi-miller@nhnacdnet.org.

Conservation Plant Sale - Ladd Farm, North Rd., Brentwood. May 3, 10am-2pm. Many varieties of bare-root fruit trees, berry plants, ornamental flowering shrubs, evergreens, landscaping trees & bushes, along with potted perennials. Premium 10 inch potted hanging flowers in full bloom just in time for Mother's Day. 679-2790, for directions call between 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday, rccdcac@ttlc.net.

Annual Spring Open House - Punch Brook Farm, 77 North Rd., Franklin. May 17-18, 9am-5pm. Our greenhouses are bursting with color & exciting new plants for the season. We offer annuals, vegetables, perennials & herbs. Free horsedrawn wagon rides are ongoing, sheep shearing demonstrations, hold a lamb. Bring a picnic lunch & enjoy time on the farm. A family event or the green thumb enthusiast. Free admission, rain or shine. 934-2738, sheep@together.net, www.PunchBrookFarm.com.

Spring Open House - Spring Ledge Farm, 220 Main St., New London. May 18, 11am-3pm. Open house & tours of our early spring plantings of peas, row crops & flowers in the field & tours of our production greenhouses where we grow hundreds of different annuals, perennials & hanging baskets. Refreshments available. Free admission. 526-6253, info@springledgefarm.com, www.springledgefarm.com.

Plant Swap - Marlow. May 31, 11am. Swapping of plants, brought in from area gardens. Raffle of garden items. 446-7044.

Wildflower Fest - Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Rocks Estate, 4 Christmas Ln., Bethlehem. June 1, 10am-4pm. The festival will include guided hikes to see native wildflowers along the estate's "mile path," many transplanted to the beautiful grounds a century ago, others growing naturally. Learn to master the art of field & forest identification. 444-6228, info@therocks.org, www.therocks.org.

Garden Festivals at Rockingham County Botanical Garden - June 22 & September 14, 10am-1pm. The garden theme this year is Yankee Ingenuity. Youth & adults will enjoy gardening workshops & demonstrations on topics as diverse as lawn care, composting, labyrinth & preserving flowers. The half acre land-scape houselot offers ideas for any homeowner & Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer all gardening questions. Plant sale, free soil pH testing & refreshments. Free admission & open to the public, rain or shine. 679-5616, nancy.adams@unh.edu.

Pocket Gardens of Portsmouth - Portsmouth. June 27, 5-8pm; June 28, 9am-3pm. A self guided tour of 10 private gardens & one museum garden, the Goodwin Mansion at Strawbery Banke. Approximately two miles for walking or biking in the historic south end of Portsmouth, sale of unusual annuals, heritage plants at Strawbery Banke, musicians, artists & refreshments. 433-2785, heatherparker@attbi.com.

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Concord Farmers' Market - 33 Capitol St. June-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-NH grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, herbs, 12pm. cheese, baked goods, maple syrup, venison, bedding plants, perennials, crafts, pork, jams, jellies & cider. 796-2654.

Derry Main St. Farmers' Market - 59 East Broadway. Spring-Fall, Tuesdays, 4-7pm. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, soap, pottery, jewelry & baked goods. 437-4401, KPender@Elliot-

Enfield Farmers' Market - Rt. 4, Main St., Huse Park. July 9-October 1, Wednesdays, 3-6pm. Seasonal fruits & produce, jams, jellies, baked goods, herbs, plants, dairy products, cut & dried flowers & crafts. 632-7197, EVA@interdial.net.

Farmington Farmers' Market - Corner of Main & Center Sts., parking lot rear of Bank of NH & library. Mid-May-mid-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, pottery, homemade soap, baked goods, cut flowers, annuals, perennials & crafts. 859-7861, TdHuse@metrocast.net.

**Hancock Farmers' Market**- In the horsesheds behind the church in village. Mid-May-mid-October, Saturdays, 9am-5pm. Vegetables, fruits, certified organic produce, honey, handicrafts, baked goods, perennials, flowers, soaps & preserves. 525-3788.

Jackson Area Market - Jackson Village. July-September, 9am-12pm. Seasonal plants, vegetables, flowers, crafts, eggs and syrup. Shine only. 383-6277, loaf@ncia.net.

Jaffrey Farmers' Market - Monadnock Plaza, Rt. 202. July-September, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Produce, flowers, baked goods, plants, jellies & syrup. 532-6561.

**Keene Farmers' Market** - commercial parking lot off of Gilbo Ave. May 1- October 31, Tuesdays & Saturdays, 9am-2pm. Fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, flowers, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, crafts, jams, jellies, eggs & soap. 835-6722.

Lancaster Farmers' Market - Centennial Park. June-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Certified organic produce, fresh local produce, goat cheese, eggs, baked goods, pestos, jams, jellies, cut flowers, plants, maple syrup, free range chickens, jewelry, honey, fruits, berries, cider, pony rides for the kids, story telling, theatre groups, music, craft & cooking demonstrations & flea market. 586-9832, lancasterfarmers@aol.com, www.NorthernNHFarmersMarket.com.

Littleton Farmers' Market - Cottage St. Senior Center. July 6-October 5, Sundays, 10am-1pm. Local produce, maple syrup, baked goods, plants, soaps, eggs, free range chicken, flowers, local crafts & entertainment by local artists. 444-3359, mooseles@ncia.net.

**Milford Farmers' Market** - Bank of NH, lower lot South St. late-June-early-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Fresh, local produce & local entertainers. 673-5792. mosseyapples@aol.com.

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Sanbornton Farmers' Market - Rt. 132, Lane Tavem in the Village Square. June 20-September 26, Fridays, 3-6pm. A weekly community event with local entertainment, fresh farm goods, homemade preserves, plants, free range poultry, meat products & other specialties. Join us August 8, the King Arthur Flour Company to celebrate the NH Farmers' Market Week with a baking demonstration. 528-1990, sfm@shakerwoodsfarm.com, www.sanbornton.org/ORGS/sfm/.

Sunrise Farmers' Market - Dustin Park, Main St., Pittsfield. June 12-October 9, Thursdays, 3-5:30pm. Local farm fresh vegetables, fruits in season, baked goods, breads, homemade jams, jellies, soaps, cut flowers, bedding plants, annuals, perennials, herbs & specialty products. 435-7260, brenda@organic-growers.com.

**Wakefield Marketplace** - Rt. 16 & Wakefield Rd., May 17-October 11. Weekly demonstrations by members, more to be scheduled. 473-8762.

Container Gardening - May 17.
Knitting Demonstration - May 31.
Talk on Maple Syrup - July 12.
Pressed Floral Lampshades - July 26.
Story Time Featuring American Girl Dolls - August 9.
Sampling Heirloom Tomatoes - August 23.
The Plant Doctor - August 30.
Throwing Pots on the Wheel - September 6.
Life of the Honey Bee - September 20.
Pumpkin Painting - October 11.

Warner Area Farmers' Market - Town Hall lawn. July-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Vegetables, produce, crafts, maple syrup, jellies, flowers & baked goods. Warner Fall Foliage Festival in October. 456-2319.

Wilton Downtown Marketplace - Main St. June-September, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Fresh produce, baked goods, jams, jellies & cut flowers. Demonstrations, animals & musical entertainment. 654-3020, wmsa@tellink.net, www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

NH Farmers' Market Week - Various locations throughout the state. August 3-9. Cooking & fresh produce preparation demonstrations, discounts on certain produce items, agricultural-based products grown/made locally by market members, crafts, baked goods, dairy, free range poultry, meat products, eggs, fiber goods, flowers, fresh fruits, berries, herbs, honey, jams, jellies, potted plants, processed food, seeds, syrup, vegetables, wood crafts, small livestock & fowl. 528-1990.

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Stratham Fair - July 24-27. Stratham Hill Park, Rt. 33, Stratham, 772-4977.

North Haverhill Fair - July 24-27. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, N. Haverhill. 787-6696.

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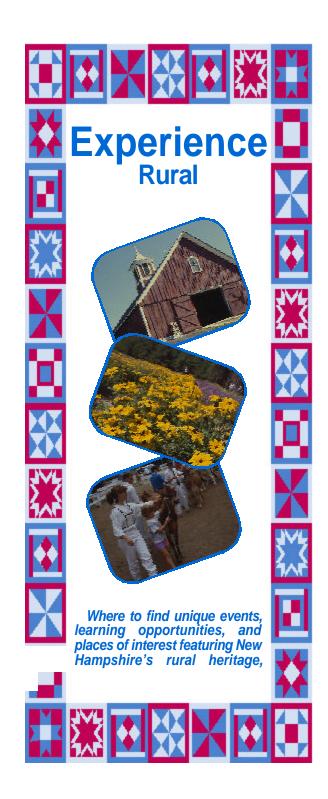
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